



**Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2008**

**Summary**

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**Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Members in Attendance:**

Dennis Burke, Chair (Governor's Office)  
Suzie Barr (Ex-Officio, Governor's Office)  
Tom Betlich (AHCCCS)  
Eddy Broadway (Department of Health Services)  
Dave Byers (Administrative Office of the Courts)  
Anthony Coulson (Drug Enforcement Administration)  
Ken Deibert (Department of Economic Security)  
Richard Fimbres (Governor's Office of Highway Safety)  
Irene Jacobs (Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families -Executive Director and Senior Policy Advisor)  
Dona Markley on behalf of Dora Schriro (Department of Corrections)  
Duce Minor (Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. -PAACE)  
Jeff Sanders (Community Member)  
Mary Specio-Boyer (COPE Behavioral Health Services/Meth Free Alliance)  
Kim O'Connor (Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy)  
Karen Ziegler (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)  
Dr. Kellie Warren on behalf of Mike Branham (Department of Juvenile Corrections)  
Brian Wilcox on behalf of David Felix (Department of Public Safety)  
Jerry Oliver (AZ Department of Liquor License and Control)  
Christopher Vasquez (Pinal County Sheriff)

**Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Members Absent:**

Jean Ajamie (Department of Education)  
Scott Cocuzza (Business Leader)  
Marnie Hodahkwen (Ex-Officio, Governor's Office)  
Jane Irvine (Attorney General's Office)  
Mary Joyce Pruden (Ex-Officio, SAMHSA/CSAP)

**Committee Chairs:**

Philip Stevenson (Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group)  
Lisa Shumaker (Underage Drinking Committee)  
Linda Weinberg (Workforce Development Committee)



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### **Call to Order**

Mr. Dennis Burke called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Burke welcomed ASAP members and communicated that the Governor issued an Executive Order addressing substance abuse, as it relates to child welfare. He recognized Committee Chairs, and Carisa Dwyer was recognized with an announcement of her promotion.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Burke asked members to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Jerry Oliver noted that his attendance was not recorded in the minutes. Mr. Richard Fimbres motioned to approve the minutes subject to the correction and the motion was carried with no objections.

### **Overview of the ASAP/PIJ Process**

Mr. Burke provided an introduction to the GITA model. Mr. James Copple further discussed the GITA process, referring to the documents in the packets provided. Ms. Kim Hohman reviewed and described in detail the PIJ Process, comparing it with the GITA process. She also highlighted the importance and purpose of the PIJ Process. Mr. Dave Byers commented that ASAP may want to consider a larger threshold, possibly increasing the dollar amount to have a strategic impact (especially when it involves a full committee review). Ms. Karen Ziegler mentioned the possibility of creating subcommittees to review the requests and questioned whether the process would apply to grants. Mr. Copple communicated that the process would only apply to budget and legislative proposals. Ms. Hohman noted that it would be beneficial for ASAP to identify a threshold amount and perhaps the Governor's Office Staff could review proposals and submit "one-pagers" to ASAP. Additionally, Ms. Hohman highlighted the responsibilities of ASAP staff. The comment was made that certain steps of the process could be clarified, a point that was agreed by Ms. Ziegler. Ms. Kellie Warren suggested implementing a timeline to review the steps, and Mr. Copple stated that the Partnership will be notified of the timeline.

Ms. Hohman continued to review the steps of the PIJ process and highlighted the importance to include outcomes and ensure that the proposals are in line with the vision of ASAP and identified priority areas. Mr. Copple mentioned that the document provided today is a draft and encouraged feedback. Mr. Ken Deibert inquired as to how the process applies for new programs and expansions, to which Mr. Burke and Ms. Kim O'Connor commented that the process will work for both. Mr. Burke noted that it may be difficult to identify which type of proposals should be brought to ASAP. Mr. Copple reiterated the purpose of ASAP, to give guidance to the Governor. Mr. Duce Minor asked whether or not Federal Grants should be included as part of the process, and Mr. Copple responded by stating that agencies should focus on State resources first. Mr.



Burke added to the discussion by suggesting a notification process for federal funds and an approval process for state funds. Mr. Dave Byers commented that there may not be significant value in having a review process for already existing programs. Ms. Angie Rogers suggested that it may be useful to review state funds first, before federal funds.

It was noted that a revised draft of the process will be sent out, along with highlighted comments/concerns that were addressed in editing the document.

### **Strategic Focus Areas for 2008**

Mr. Burke introduced the agenda item and reiterated the identified strategic focus areas for 2008. He noted that in this meeting the Partnership would be focusing on Child Welfare/Substance Abuse and Law Enforcement/Drug Trafficking. Mr. Copple discussed the format on reporting back on identified priority areas and receiving updates on implementation of recommendations

#### **Child Welfare/Substance Abuse**

Ms. Angie Rogers provided an update on the child welfare/substance abuse priority area, highlighting the Executive Order. She noted the importance of ensuring that federal funds are used before state funds and that the executive branch agencies are reporting back, as ASAP is expected to report back to the Governor in September. Ms. Rogers also discussed the standardization of data collection, caseloads, referrals, etc. and highlighted the capacity to meet treatment needs and protocols for collaboration between state agencies.

Mr. Burke inquired in regard to the data collection process for CPS, and Mr. Deibert responded by expanding on the survey given to case managers, asking about the size of caseload. Ms. Rogers noted that there are hopes of adding an additional question to the Safety and Risk Assessment regarding substance abuse.

Mr. Eddy Broadway discussed the possible submission of a monthly report.

Mr. Byers inquired about referrals to outside agencies, and it was concluded that CPS does notify outside agencies of CPS involvement.

#### **Law Enforcement/Drug Trafficking**

Mr. Burke introduced Mr. Brian Wilcox to provide an overview on drug trafficking and trends. Mr. Wilcox discussed the strategic enforcement planning meeting and provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing current law enforcement strategies and trends. He communicated that meth strategies can be used for any interdiction method. Mr. Wilcox showed a graphic representation of the trafficking and distribution of meth in and out of Arizona and presented a chart representing the outcomes of highway interdiction efforts noting that the chart represented reporting gaps, as there is not a standard reporting process. Mr. Anthony Coulson mentioned that there has been a plateau of meth in Arizona, and communicated that current efforts include collecting data regarding the



price and purity of meth. Mr. Burke inquired as to whether or not there is a connection between purity and treatment and Mr. Coulson responded by stating that the agencies are currently working on trying to determine if there is a connection. Mr. Coulson commented that he would like to target substance abuse in homes with children, in general, as opposed to just targeting labs.

Mr. Wilcox continued to highlight additional trends such as home invasion crews, human smuggling and an increase in “remote grows” and hydroponic marijuana vs. trafficked marijuana. He went on to state that manpower is always a significant barrier, affecting the joint task forces of each county. He also stated that technology is a barrier and that there are intelligence and information sharing gaps. Mr. Wilcox highlighted the importance of encouraging agencies to share information, the need to make DEC protocol changes, and the need to partner with communities, CPS, and treatment and prevention providers.

Mr. Minor inquired as to the cost analysis of interdiction to the amount of drugs, and Mr. Coulson commented that a comprehensive strategy is best, addressing the prevention and treatment field, along with enforcement. Mr. Coulson confirmed that when there are more resources directed towards regulation and enforcement, there is less trafficking.

Additionally, Mr. Coulson communicated the need for interior barriers to increase interdiction and stated that as supply decreases, the State should have the capacity to respond with treatment services. Mr. Copple responded by commenting that the more financial resources that are invested in prevention, the less the State will spend on costly treatment and enforcement. Mr. Burke noted the ASU School of Policy as a free resource for data collection assistance.

Ms. Karen Ziegler mentioned the concern of a \$1 million cut in the proposed budget and the possibility of losing some of the task forces.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Methamphetamine Task Force**

Mr. Anthony Coulson provided a brief review of the Governor’s Meth Task Report and the recommendation of adolescent screening tools, additional rural detox centers, and enhanced chemical control. He discussed the Strategic Enforcement Planning meeting and stated that there was a barrier in collaboration that was identified and that 45 locations are receiving a HIDTA assessment. Mr. Coulson also communicated that the task forces continue to meet regularly and report back to the Governor.

#### **Underage Drinking Committee**

Ms. Melissa Lempke provided an overview and background of the UAD campaign, highlighting the Draw the Line Underage Drinking Campaign and website. She noted the purpose of the campaign, to change the behaviors and perceptions of adults regarding underage drinking. In discussing the positive outcomes of the UAD Committee, Ms.



Lempke mentioned free media coverage, the development of community partnerships, multicultural campaign elements, the interactive traveling exhibit, collaboration and forums between the Coalitions. Pima Prevention Partnership is measuring the success of the campaign using an adult perception survey. Mr. Burke inquired as to whether there is UAD data to compare with other states, and Ms. Lempke referred to Mr. Phil Stevenson who discussed the biennial Arizona Youth Survey.

### **Epidemiology Work Group**

Mr. Phil Stevenson discussed the 2007 outcomes of the EPI workgroup including the EPI profile which identified the increase in misuse of prescription drugs, underage drinking, and methamphetamine as important areas to target efforts in Arizona. Mr. Stevenson also mentioned the annual report discussing the impact of substance abuse. He stated that ACJC is willing to offer assistance with data collection instruments. He concluded by presenting data on the increased number of youth in foster care that struggle with substance abuse, compared to youth residing with biological parents.

### **Co-Occurring Policy Team**

Dr. Kellie Warren provided an update on the Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) and communicated that CPAT works to improve ADC and ADJC in regards to addressing co-occurring disorders. Ms. Warren discussed the Co-Sig Initiative and the Pilot Project, as it is central to the Initiative. She stated that the Project has focused on transition services, the development and enhancement of treatment services and improved staff training. Ms. Warren highlighted outcomes of the CPAT. Additionally, Ms. Warren discussed planning for the future and a need to address sustainability, interagency collaboration, and partnering with consumers and advocates to develop communication between communities.

### **Workforce Development Committee**

Ms. Linda Weinberg highlighted the goals of the Workforce Development Committee, stating that the Committee works to identify substance abuse prevention training and technical assistance needs, enhance and improve access to training, identify core competencies, and identify evidenced based programs that are currently being implemented. She discussed the survey that will go out to providers regarding capacity for training and the implementation for evidence based programs, stating that the Committee expects to have the survey results in April or May.

### **Upcoming Events**

Ms. Kim O'Connor communicated that the SPAR Report has been released. Mr. Byers commented that the snapshot information in the Report is not an accurate representation of the positive outcomes of Drug Courts, and Ms. O'Connor added that National data demonstrates promising results for Drug Courts. Ms. O'Connor also noted the \$8.3 million Access to Recovery Grant Arizona has recently received. She stated that the Division is working to launch a forum in collaboration with SAMHSA and is expecting



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150 interested providers, noting that the number of interested providers is significantly more than the Division originally anticipated

**Future Meeting Schedule**

February 28, 2008      1:00-3:00 pm  
May 16, 2008          1:00-3:00 pm

Mr. Burke announced that the next ASAP meeting will be held on February 28, 2008.

**Call to the Public**

Mr. Burke made a call to the public and there was no response.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Burke adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.